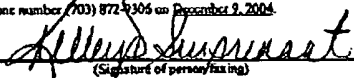


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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116(a)

In full response to the October 22, 2004 final Office Action, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks.

A response to the October 22, 2004 final Office Action is due prior to January 22, 2005. Therefore, the present Response is being timely filed.

CONCLUSION

In view of the claim amendments and the remarks, further and favorable considerations of the presently pending claims are respectfully requested.

It is believed that no fee is required for the consideration of this Amendment. However, if any fees are required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 16-1445.

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